

**Project Purpose:**

The project will improve the operation and safety and increase the capacity of this segment of State Route 198 by converting the existing two lane conventional highway to a four lane expressway. The project will close the existing gap in the four lane freeway sections from Hanford to Visalia, enhancing commuter mobility and daily movement of goods and services.

**Project Description:**

The project limits are in Kings and Tulare Counties from east of State Route 43 in Hanford to west of State Route 99 near Visalia. The project will convert an approximate 10 mile section of existing two lane conventional highway to a four lane controlled access expressway. Approximately 7 miles are in Kings County, with approximately 3 miles in Tulare County.

**Construction Cost:** \$50 million

**Construction Begin:** November 2009

**Construction Complete:** Spring 2012

**Funding Sources:** State Transportation Improvement Program, Transportation Congestion Relief Program, Federal Demonstration Funds and Proposition 1B Bond funds (Corridor Mobility Improvement Account)

**Project Partners:** Tulare County Association of Governments, Kings County Association of Governments and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

**Contractor:** Flatiron Construction Corporation

**Project Map on Reverse**

